

# Sunday 7 June 2026 First Sunday after Trinity

Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

## COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us the sacrament of your body and blood to proclaim your death until you come: give us grace to worship you in purity and truth, and keep us firm in the hope of your coming, for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

### Genesis 14.18-20

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## PSALM

### Psalms 116.10-end

I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';

## SECOND READING

### I Corinthians 11.23-26

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## GOSPEL

### John 6.51-58

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.